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Dear Mr. K.,

Joesten died after a long illness. He had also flipped out earlier. The last thing the CIA does is knock off the nuts who intending ohterwise do their work for them.

I do not attribute bad motive to you, although I think you do not practise your preaching, demanding that I live by your standards and practise your economics.

Long experience has forced a policy upon us. We live and work by it. I cannot honestly make an exception of one person.

Besides, when I do this work without subsidy or income, sue the government regularly without assistance from other citizens who benefit from it, why should others ask me to subsidize them further?

If you want my books you will have to buy them.

If you want to present garbage to your readers - and what you mention is second-hand garbage - that is your option.

However, you will do much better to ignore those and try to get freebees of two really fine works, Howard Roffman's Presumed Guilty (A.S.Barnes) and the reprint of Sylvia Meagher's Accessories after the Fact (Vintage).

You presume cofrectly abput my earlier "libertarian" experiences.

Best wishes,